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SUBJECT: CHILEAN CHALLENGE TO USSR AND CUBA ON DETAINEES

1. JUNTA PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGBY SEPT. 17 TOLD PRESS GOC HAD RECEIVED ABOUT 300 COMMUNICATIONS FROM FAMILIES OR FRIENDS OF PERSONS JAILED FOR POLITICAL REASONS IN CUBA AND USSR. MESSAGES HAD ARRIVED FROM SPAIN, UK, US, MEXICO, AND ARGENTINA. THEY WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO ICRC AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO" SEPT. 18 PRINTED LEAD EDITORIAL STATING THAT LIBERATION OF DETAINEES OFFERED BY PRESIDENT GENERAL PINOC

ET DURING SEPT. 11 ANNIVERSARY REPORT TO NATION "IS NOT CONDITIONAL AND DEPENDS ONLY ON ACT OF PARDON TO BE GIVEN UNDER GOC SOVEREIGNTY." SAID IT WOULD BE PITY IF PINOCHET'S CHALLENGE TO USSR AND CUBA TO RELEASE SAME NUMBER OF PRISONERS AS CHILE SHOULD FALL INTO VACUUM ON PART OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO COULD DO MUCH TO HELP THOSE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY. CONCLUDED POINTEDLY THAT SILENCE OF "TOTALITARIAN COMMUNISM" CAN BE DISCOUNTED, BUT VOICES OF "GREAT MORAL PRESTIGE" SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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